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| In re Patent Application of        | ) | <b>BOX SEQUENCE</b>        |
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| Shigeori TAKENAKA                  | ) | Group Art Unit: 1631       |
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| Application Serial No.: 09/902,633 | ) | Examiner: Not yet assigned |
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| Filed: July 12, 2001               | ) |                            |
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| For: PROBE FOR DETECTING A         | ) |                            |
| HIGHLY ORDERED                     | ) |                            |
| STRUCTURAL SITE OF A               | ) |                            |
| SINGLE STRANDED NUCLEIC            | ) |                            |
| ACID OF A GENE, AND A              | ) |                            |
| METHOD AND A DEVICE FOR            | ) |                            |
| DETECTING THE SAME                 | ) |                            |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid sequence disclosures dated August 6, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.823(a), please insert the attached paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" between the last page of the disclosure (page 11) and the first page of the claims.